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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed March 1, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-33, drawn to a process for production of a polypeptide having a predetermined property, for examination on the merits.

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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